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THE ONTARIO PULP & PAPER MAKERS
Safety Association

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The Honourable Mr. Justice McGillivray,
Box 202, Parliament Buildings,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Sir:

Re: The Workmen's Compensation Act - Ontario

Thank you for the opportunity afforded us to present a written submission for consideration by the Royal Commission on The Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Ontario Pulp and Paper Makers Safety Association was constituted by Letters Patent dated March 11, 1915, under the Ontario Companies Act to promote the work of prevention of accidents in the pulp and paper industry. The Association is managed by thirty-one directors who are elected annually. The directorate is composed of top ranking executives which collectively account for over 95% of the aggregate payroll in the industry. They serve without remuneration or expense to the Association.

The Association, in accord with the purposes for which it was formed, functions as the official accident prevention agency for the woodlands operations, mills and plants within its membership. In general the procedures followed in carrying out this responsibility are as follows:

The stimulation of an active interest in accident control among management at all levels.

Assisting in the detection and removal of physical and mechanical hazards,

Advising on the development of safe work methods,

Providing a training service for supervisors,

Encouraging the training of first aid men,

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Collecting, recording, and tabulating accident information for the use of member companies,

Conducting annual safety competitions,

Supplying member companies with posters, accident investigation reports and other visual aid materials such as films and slides.

One of the most effective activities of the Association is the sponsorship of seven regional branches which have been functioning for many years in all areas of the province. Each group elects its own officers and safety meetings are held regularly on a rotating basis. The expenses of the hundreds of volunteers involved in branch work are borne by the member companies, representing an important contribution to the safety effort.

The pulp and paper industry in Ontario has enjoyed considerable success both in woodlands operations and in the mills, in the control of industrial accidents. The attached graphs will provide an accurate and revealing insight into the industry's accomplishments.

Many factors have contributed to this success, but all of them emanate from the practical application of the fundamental principle that accident control is one of management's responsibilities to be carried out with the same patient attention to detail that is accorded other operating requirements.

This Association has never concerned itself with matters of classification, rating or assessments under the Workmen's Compensation Act, nor with the administrative functions of the Workmen's Compensation Board, but confines its interest and activities to the reduction of the frequency and severity of work injuries by every possible means.

Accordingly, the Association offers no submission with respect to the general provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act or its administration. It does, however, wish to put forward the considered opinion that Section 117 of the Act, providing for the function of safety associations, should be retained and administered to permit the representatives of industry to continue to control the policies and activities of the associations.

Respectfully submitted

The Ontario Pulp & Paper Makers Safety Association

President

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INJURY FREQUENCY RECORD MILLS



Frequency is the number of Injuries per million man-hours exposure

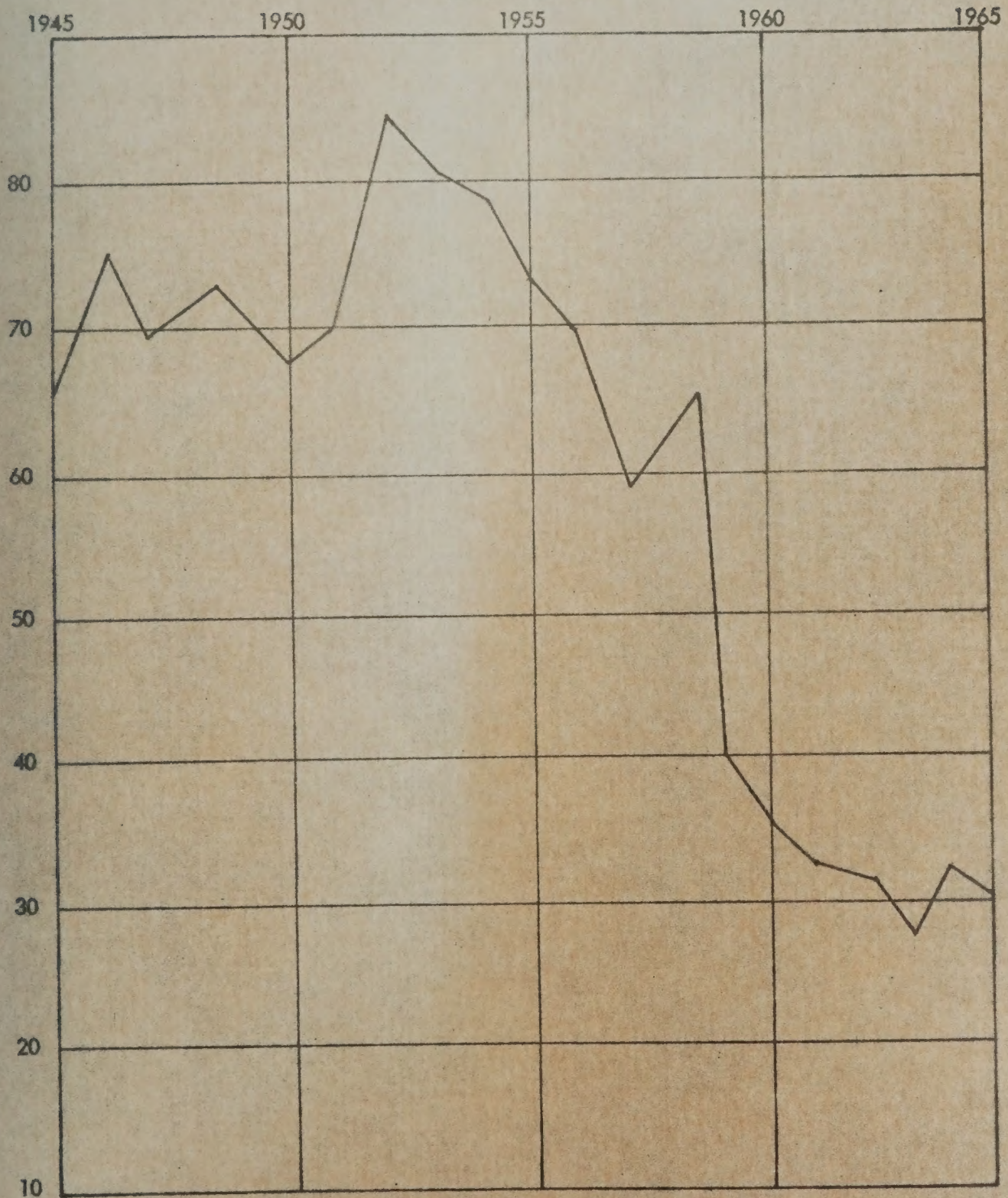


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INJURY FREQUENCY RECORD WOODS



Frequency is the number of injuries per hundred thousand man-days exposure

